

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are pending in the application and the same are rejected. By this Amendment, claims 2, 4-8, 10, 12-16, and 18-19 are cancelled, claims 1, 9, and 17 are amended, and claim 20 is added. Accordingly, claims 1, 3, 9, 11, and 17 remain in the application and are presented for review and further consideration by the Examiner, along with new claim 20.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-19 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Klebanov, U.S. Patent No. 6,397,327, in view of Motoyama, et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,631,247, in further view of Fabbio, et al. U.S. Patent No. 5,870,089. (Examiner's Action, page 2, ¶ 5).

As to dependent claims 4 and 12, Applicants respectfully disagree. Applicants have added limitations of dependent claims 4 and 12 into independent claims 1, 9, and 17.

Klebanov discloses that devices are removed from a registry if they do not match a list of connected devices. However, the devices are not labeled as removed. Therefore, Klebanov does not disclose, "wherein removal of the fleet device includes labeling the fleet device as removed".

Neither Motoyama nor Fabbio discloses removing devices. Therefore, neither Motoyama nor Fabbio discloses, "wherein removal of the fleet device includes labeling the fleet device as removed".

In contrast, Applicants' independent claims 1, 9, and 17, as amended, include wording that a modification action is discovered for an index of fleet devices and page processing usage data for the devices, wherein the modification action includes removal of the fleet device from the index, and wherein removal of the fleet device includes labeling the fleet device as removed. Neither Klebanov, Motoyama, nor Fabbio discloses, "wherein removal of the fleet device includes labeling the fleet device as removed".

In view of Applicants' arguments and amendments with respect to independent claims 1, 9, and 17 being allowable, Applicants respectfully submit

that the remaining dependent claims are also allowable because they contain all of the limitations of their respective independent claims and further add structural and functional limitations.

The foregoing amendments and arguments are believed to be a complete response to the most recent Examiner's Action.

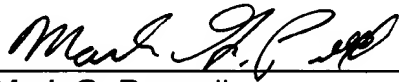
No new matter has been added.

It is respectfully submitted that there is no claim, teaching, motivation, or suggestion in any of the prior art cited, alone or in combination, to produce what Applicants claim.

It is further submitted that the application, as amended, defines patentable subject matter and that the claims are in a condition for allowance. Such allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

Should any issues remain which would preclude the prompt disposition of this case, it is requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned practitioner by telephone.

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